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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1733

Application No.: 09/352,612

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For: GRID COMPRISING POLYMERIC, DRAWN STRIPS AND A PROCESS FOR
MAKING SAME

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2001, please amend the above
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

BT SUBD 1. (Amended) A grid comprising drawn polymeric strips in at least two different
directions, wherein the strips have a higher tensile strength in a lengthwise direction of the
strips compared to a tensile strength in a width direction of the strips, wherein the strips are
bonded together in at least one zone of overlap, wherein said at least one zone of overlap
comprises at least two spatially separated bonding points or bonding lines, and wherein at

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